

**RIDOT Director Peter Alviti with Gene Valicenti on WPRO – March 11, 2021**

**Caller Questions from March 4, 2021**

- 1. Ron from North Providence: Asked when we plan to repair Route 7 at Twin River Road in Lincoln, saying he noticed the area had been marked but no other work done**

Our Maintenance staff repaired this area of Route 7 on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, March 9 and 10.

- 2. Bill from Johnston: Reported a sunken drain on Route 10 South just before the I-95 North and South split in Providence**

Our Maintenance crews repaired this drain the day after the show on Friday, March 5.

- 3. Bob from Brooklyn, CT: Asked that we clean up the trash on the off-ramp from I-95 South at Exit 23 in Providence**

Our in-house Maintenance crews removed the litter Bob called about on Saturday, March 6.

- 4. Dave from East Providence: Reported a faulty traffic signal, which he said cycles on its own, on Pawtucket Avenue at Greggs and Stop and Shop in East Providence**

Our Maintenance staff repaired the broken loop at the traffic signal at the entrance to Greggs from Pawtucket Avenue. National Grid plans to fix the loop at Stop and Shop that they inadvertently damaged tomorrow.

- 5. Charlie from Tiverton: Asked again when the piers at the old Sakonnet River Bridge in Tiverton/Little Compton would come down**

As I mentioned during the show, when this was delayed due to environmental issues, we reallocated the project's funding to fix deficient bridges. We are looking for opportunities to refund it, and we will put it back on the plan for a future date when we secure the necessary funding.

**6. Rick from Providence: Asked if we have any plans to repave the on-ramp from Dean Street to the 6/10 in Providence**

While we're waiting for this project to come up in our 10-year plan, we are planning to address the most deteriorated portion of the ramp this spring, which should provide a reasonably good driving surface in the interim.

**7. Rick from Middletown: Wondered about the status of the Aquidneck Avenue sidewalk project**

About two years ago, we had a project to address sidewalks along Aquidneck Avenue in Middletown and were ready to proceed forward with it. Before we could do so, however, we needed Newport Water to fix their old asbestos water pipes under the roadway. They have refused to do so. Until they fix their water lines, we're not going to put a new road on top of them so we remain at an impasse.

**8. Jessie from Providence: Said the new stop sign on Hope Street at Blackstone Boulevard in Providence is causing traffic issues**

It's a City street so we contacted them and let them know of Jessie's concerns.

**9. Joe from Pawtucket: Reported a mattress frame on I-95 South at the Pawtucket River Bridge in Pawtucket**

Our Maintenance crews picked up the box spring right after the show on Thursday morning, March 4.

**10. Steve from Narragansett: Requested we grind down Route 1A, from the Hussey Bridge to Route 138, in North Kingstown**

This section of Route 1A is not on our 10-year plan until 2026. But, our Maintenance staff will do some targeted resurfacing this spring to help improve the riding surface between now and then.

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- Bike Path issues: DEM – 222-3070 for East Bay and Blackstone bikeways. Otherwise, the city or town in which the path is located is the proper contact.
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